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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN DRINAN'S VISIT TO ARGENTINA: JOSEFA MARTINEZ

REF: (A) CHAPLIN-RONDON TELCON NOVEMBER 18; (B) BUENOS AIRES 7512

FOR ARA/ECA - RONDON

1. JOSEFA MARTINEZ, WHO DISAPPEARED AFTER MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN DRINAN AND MS. FEENEY IN CORDOBA NOVEMBER 13, HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN FOUND.

2. THROUGH INDIRECT CONTACTS A VERY HIGH OFFICIAL OF GOA WAS INDUCED TO INQUIRE ABOUT MARTINEZ'S DISAPPEARANCE. WE HAVE REPORT BACK THAT GOA DOES NOT RPT NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HER. INQUIREY WAS MADE BY OUR CONTACT DIRECTLY TO HQ OF GENERAL MENENDEZ, COMMANDER III CORPS IN CORDOBA, WHICH ALSO DENIED ANY CONNECTION WITH DISAPPEARANCE." SOURCE OFFERED COMMENT THAT AT LEAST THREE EXPLANATIONS OF DISAPPEARANCE WERE POSSIBLE: A) MARTINEZ COULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY NON-OFFICIAL RIGHTIST EXTREMEISTS; B) SHE COULD HAVE VOLUNTARILY VOLUNTARILY DISAPPEARED AFTER TALKING WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GROUP IN FEAR THAT SHE WOULD BE DETAINED IN RETAILATION BY OFFICIAL OR NON-OFFICIAL FORCES; C) SHE COULD BE EXTREMIST HERSELF WHO HAS GONE UNDERGROUND. FOURTH; EXPLANATION, OF COURSE, COULD BE THAT GOA AND/OR III CORPS SIMPLY DO NOT KNOW ALL THAT THEIR FORCES MAY BE DOING, OR THEY COULD BE DELIBERATELY

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CONCEALING DETENTION.

3. OFFICER OF FONMINISTRY HUMAN RIGHT WORKING ROUP TOLD US NOVEMBER 19 THAT HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN NO INFORMATION CONCERNING DISAPPEARANCE OF MARTINEZ, THUS CONFIRMING REPORT WHICH CAME TO US THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNEL.

4. REQUEST YOU INFORM CONGRESSMAN DRINAN OF SUBSTANCE OF THIS REPORT. BRITISH EMBASSY IS SENDING SAME INFORMATION TO LONDON FOR LORD AVEBURY.
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